



Christmas

1958-59

S. Clement's Church
Philadelphia

REV. WILLIAM ELWELL, *Rector*

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SISTERS OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

Christmas-tide 1958-59

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 — 4 to 5 *Fr. Ducker*
7:30 to 8 *Fr. Elwell*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 — 4 to 5 *Fr. Elwell*
7:30 to 8:30 *Fr. Davis*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 — 4 to 5 *Fr. Ducker*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — 10 to 11 *Fr. Elwell*
3 to 5 *Fr. Davis*
7:30 to 8:50 *Fr. Elwell and Fr. Ducker*
11 to 11:50 *Fr. Elwell and Fr. Davis*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 —
7:30 to 7:55 *Fr. Davis*
9 to 9:25 *Fr. Ducker*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

SOLEMN VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

Fast and Abstinence

Low Mass 7 & 9:30

Carol Service, Procession of the Bambino to
the Creche and Benediction 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Solemn Mass (*Of the Night*) & Holy Communion
12:01 a.m.

Low Mass (*Of the Dawn*) & H.C. 8 a.m.

Solemn Mass (*Of the Day*) & H.C. 9:30 a.m.

Church closed for the day after the last Mass.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

S. STEPHEN, DEACON & PROTO-MARTYR

No Abstinence

Low Mass 7 & 9:30

Solemn Benediction 8 p.m.

followed by a Party in the Parish Hall

Shrine of Our Lady of Clemency

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

S. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Low Mass 7 & 10

Children's Christmas Party 3 to 5

SCYO Christmas Party 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Low Mass 8 & 9:15 (*Hymns*)

Solemn Procession, Solemn Mass & Sermon 11

Continuous Novena Daily at 6 p.m.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

S. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, B.M.

Low Mass 7 & 8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

Low Mass 7 & 8

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

S. SYLVESTER, P.C.

Low Mass 7 & 9:30

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

Low Mass 8 & 9:30

Solemn Mass 11

Church closed for the day after the last Mass.

The Priests will be at home to parishioners and friends from 3 to 6 in the Clergy House

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Ferial Friday

No Abstinence

Low Mass 7 & 9:30

Holy Hour 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Saturday of Our Lady

Low Mass 7 & 8

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Low Mass 8 & 9:15 (*Hymns*)

Solemn Mass & Sermon 11

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Ferial Monday—*Mass applied to the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed*

Low Mass 7

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Low Mass 7, 8 & 9:30

Solemn Mass and Benediction 11

JANUARY 18 to 25

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE

The Christmas offering will be applied against the debt created to pay for major repairs of the roofs.

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MY DEAR PEOPLE,

We approach Christmas with hearts full of thanksgiving for many blessings upon our Parish during the past year. Recently there have been the glorious Clement-tide which was an outpouring of manifest devotion by parishioners and many visitors, and the Bazaar which drew together in a spirit of brotherly cooperation a large number of our members and their friends. Looking further back, we cannot help recalling the wonderfully solemn Holy Week and especially the thrilling Vigil of Easter followed by the Midnight Mass. In a material way also we have been blessed. Through the generous support of many of our members we have been able to meet all of our obligations including the large Missionary Quota. We have created a debt, but this has been done in order to put new roofs on the Parish Hall and Clergy House and to make repairs on the roof of the Church. Our treasury is in such condition that we can apply all of the Christmas Offering against this debt. There are other items: fruitful retreats, answered prayers, the joy and benefit of visiting Clergy, excellent liturgical music, the kindness of parishioners and their good-will in all parochial undertakings. These and other matters are reasons for offering Holy Mass on Our Lord's Birthday with an intention of profound gratitude for His goodness to us now and always.

Over and above the good things of our Parish, we are immeasurably more thankful for Our Lord Himself and for His coming into this world as our Friend and our Brother, our Lord and our God. We never cease to be thankful for Incarnate Jesus and the grace that He so generously bestows upon us. May your Christmas Holy Communion be to you a special blessing and source of strength.

Father Davis and Father Ducker and the Mission Sisters join me in extending to you greetings for a holy Christmastide and the assurance of our prayers that all of the blessings of our Savior's birth and of the Blessed Eucharist may be yours, and that the Holy Mother of God will intercede for you.

Faithfully your Rector,

William Ellwell

FLIGHT TO EGYPT

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